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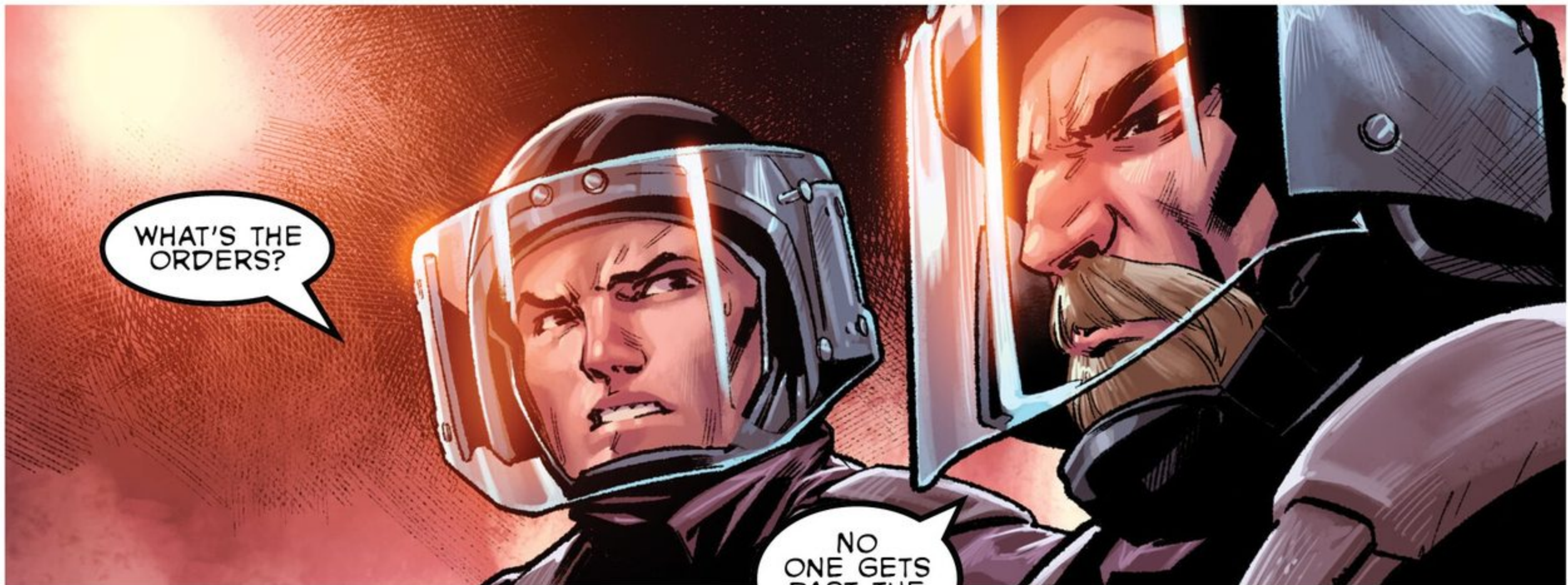
The Planet Eaters are walking the Earth and turning humanity against itself.



NEW MEXICO.
OUTSIDE A MILITARY
BASE WHERE THE
LOCAL CITIZENRY
HAVE INCREASED
THEIR PROTESTING.



AN ONLINE FORUM, BELONGING
TO FOLLOWERS OF **SENATOR
TERMINUS**, HAS BEEN MAKING
CLAIMS THE GOVERNMENT IS
HIDING THE PROOF THAT OTHER
BEINGS EXIST BEYOND OUR WORLD.



NO
ONE GETS
PAST THE
FENCE.



AMONGST THE
GROUP, **TERMINUS**
HIMSELF APPEARS.

HE IS ONE
OF 'THE
PLANET
EATERS'.

YOUR
GOVERNMENT LIES
TO YOU. EVERY DAY.
THEY THINK YOU'RE IDIOTS,
UNABLE TO GRASP
HOW THEIR SYSTEM
FUNCTIONS.

HOW
IT WORKS
AGAINST
YOU.

THEY
NEED YOU TO
BE **IGNORANT**,
IT'S HOW THEY
CONTROL
THINGS.

TELLING
YOU THEY'LL
KEEP YOU
SAFE.

WELL--
YOU'RE **NOT**
SAFE.

TAKE
DOWN THE
FENCE!

AND THEY
KNOW IT.

TO DESTROY A PLANET, LIKE A CANCER, YOU GET IT TO TURN ON ITSELF.



YOU MAKE IT, SO THE HOST IS SO OVERWHELMED, IT BEGINS TO COLLAPSE INTERNALLY.



IN TIME THE ENTIRE HOST WILL **DIE** OUT DESPITE HOW HARD IT FIGHTS BACK.



GET WORD TO THE TOWER!



TERMINUS HAS SET HIMSELF UP AS AN OUTSIDER. A POLITICIAN WORKING AGAINST THE GATEKEEPERS. HE'S CULTIVATED THE **DISENFRANCHISED**, BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE THOSE PEOPLE SO DISSATISFIED, THEY'RE WILLING TO GO TO **WAR** FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE TRUE.

WHAT'RE YOU HIDING?

EVEN IF IT ISN'T!

THE SOUTH WALL'S BEEN **BREACHED**. MOBILIZE GROUND UNITS, TELL THEM TO FIRE AT WILL.



THE MOB OVERTAKES THE FORCES.



COMMANDEERING WEAPONS.



ALL TO DO TERMINUS' BIDDING.



THE PLANET EATERS
SENT MAGICAL
BEINGS TO EARTH TO
PREP THE PLANET
FOR ITS EXTINCTION.



HUMANS CALLED THEM
SAINTS. THEN MARTYRED
THEM IN THE MOST
GRUESOME OF WAYS.



BUT TODAY, TERMINUS
HAS COME TO TAKE WHAT
RIGHTFULLY BELONGS
TO HIS BRETHREN.

STEP
BACK!

I'VE
WARNED
YOU!



HE HOLDS THE
SPEAR OF ST.
LONGINUS.



THE SAINT WHO
DELIVERED THE
KILLING BLOW
TO JESUS.



YOU
HEAR
ME?!

UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THE
GUARD HE'S UNABLE TO
DETECT THE SUDDEN SLIP
TERMINUS HAS **MAGICALLY**
MADE BEHIND HIM.



CRUNCH

YOU'RE
NOT WORTHY
ENOUGH TO
WIELD MY
SPEAR.

WE CAME
TO **EARTH** TO
SHOW YOU THE
MAJESTY OF WHAT
YOU COULD BECOME.
BUT **GREED** SEEMS
TO BE ALL THAT
DRIVES YOU
HUMANS.



YOU
MURDERED
THE SAINTS WE
SENT. WHO'LL
PROTECT YOU
NOW?

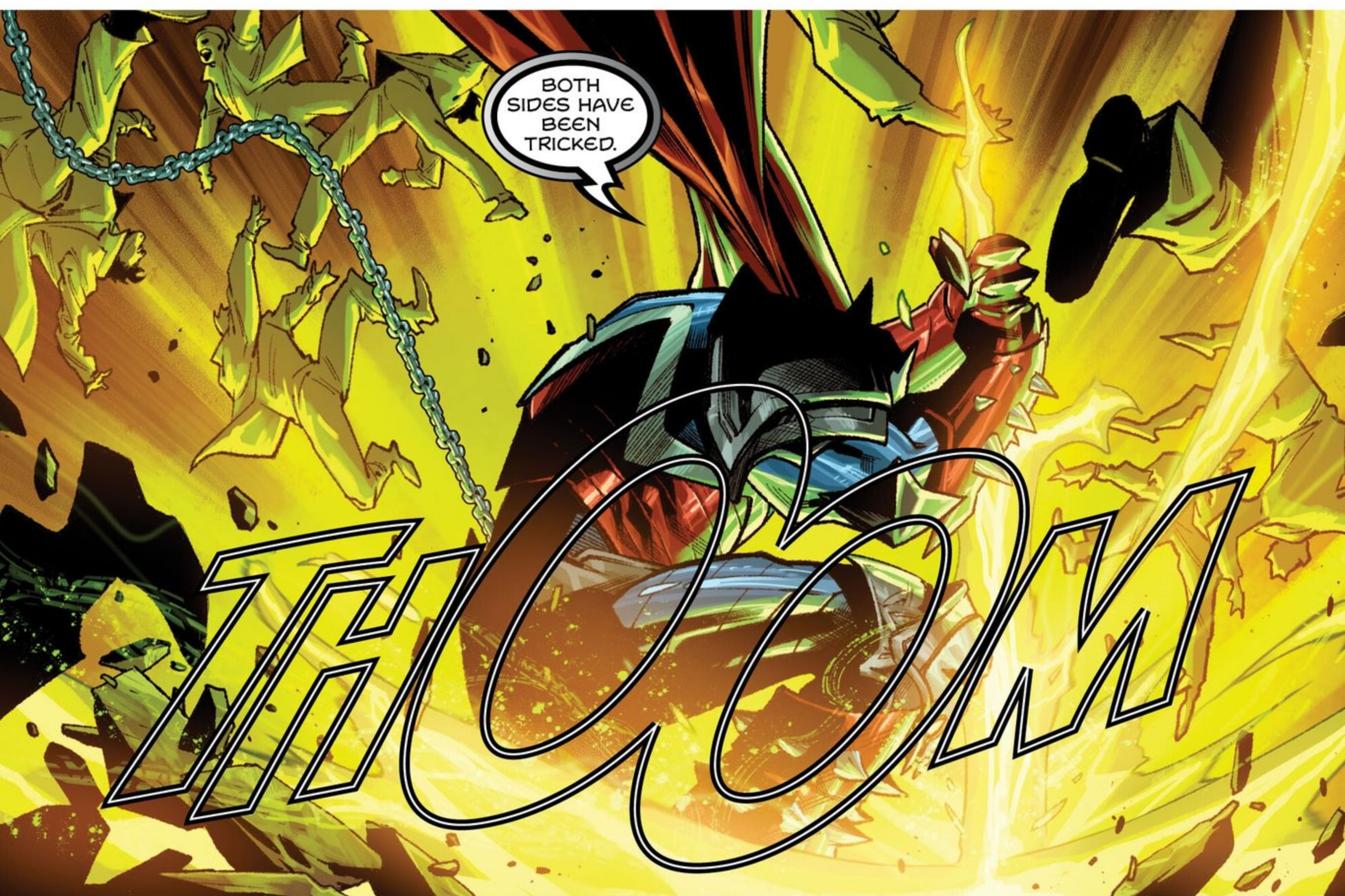


SILENCE GRIPS THE AIR, THEN THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION COMES FALLING FROM THE SKY. EACH OF THESE HEROES HAS PERSONALLY BEEN TORTURED BY THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THOSE EVIL ENOUGH TO DISREGARD LIFE AS NOTHING MORE THAN A COMMODITY.

THESE INVADERS ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT WHO INHABITS THE EARTH AND MORE ABOUT CONTROLLING EARTH ITSELF.

PROTECT THE CROWDS. I'M GOING INSIDE!

THEY ALL KNOW TOO, THAT THIS ENEMY TOOK THE LIFE OF THEIR FELLOW WARRIOR, SHE-SPAWN. AND ALL OF THEM MEAN TO **AVENGE** HER.

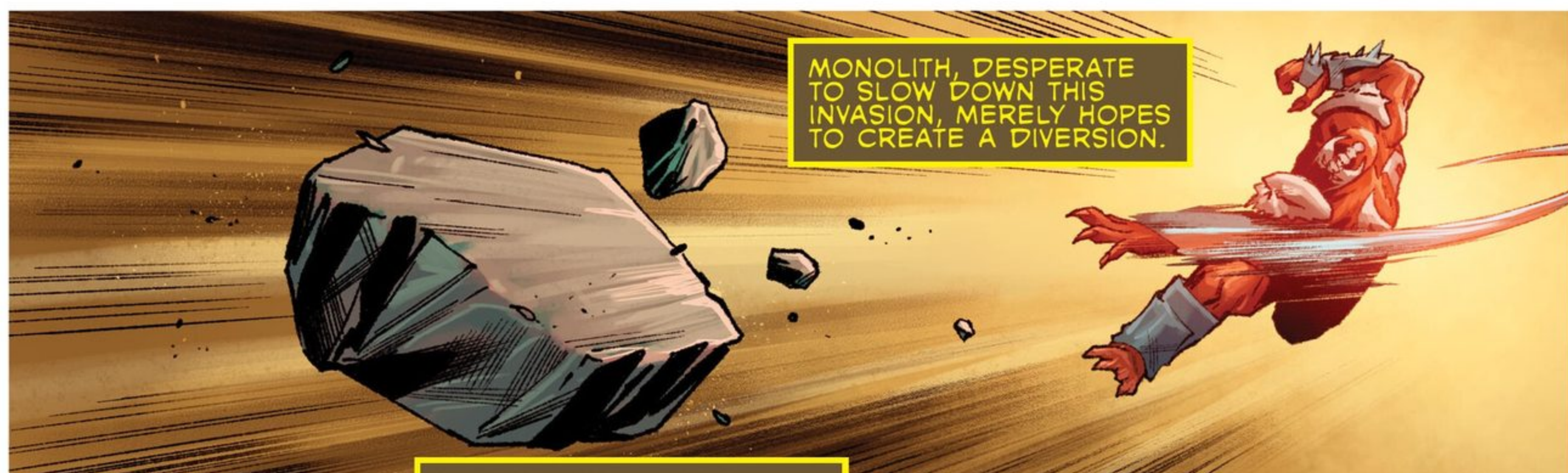




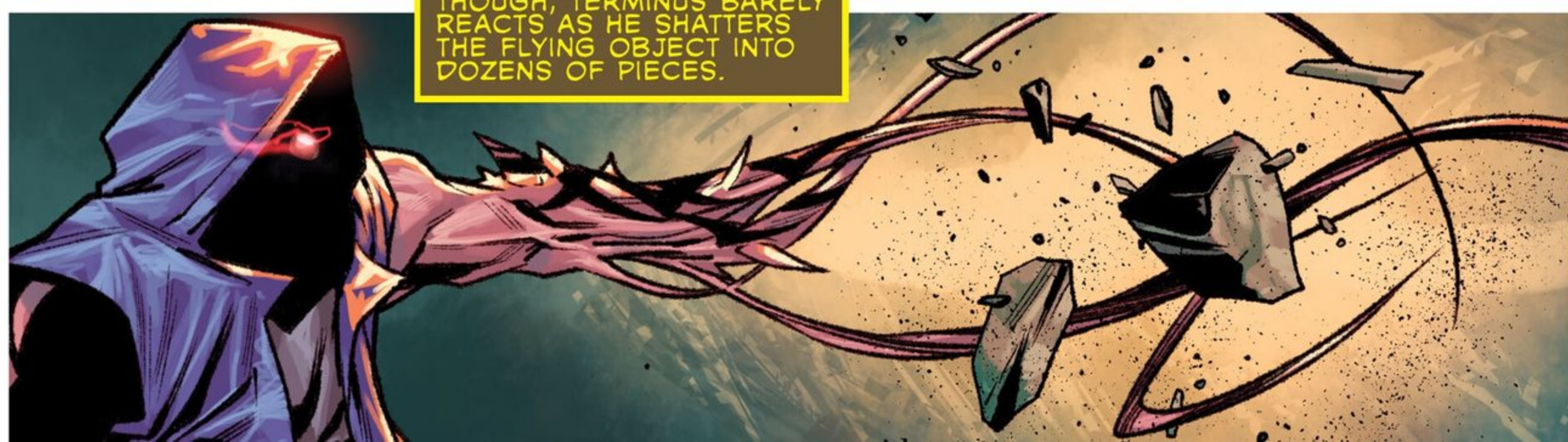
BACK INSIDE, TERMINUS, AS A WARM-UP, MAKES QUICK WORK OF THE GUARDS.



BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE MAIN EVENT IS YET TO COME.



MONOLITH, DESPERATE TO SLOW DOWN THIS INVASION, MERELY HOPES TO CREATE A DIVERSION.



THOUGH, TERMINUS BARELY REACTS AS HE SHATTERS THE FLYING OBJECT INTO DOZENS OF PIECES.



YOU
SHOULDN'T HAVE
COME HERE
ALONE.



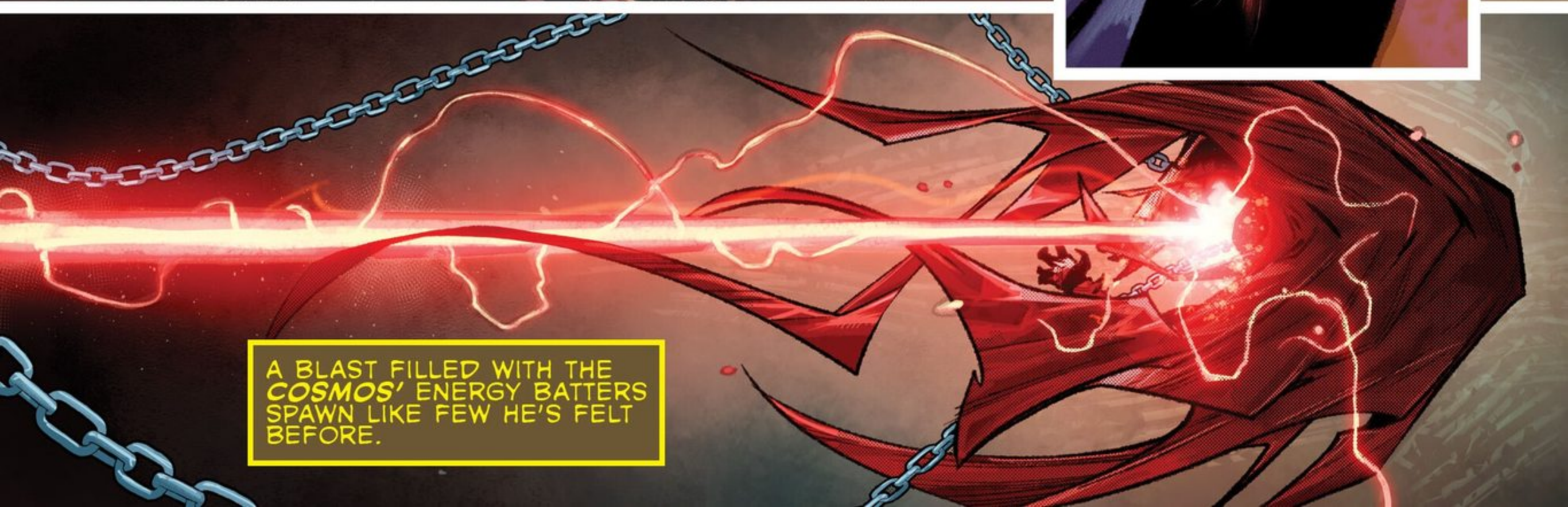
WHO
SAID I WAS
ALONE?



STRUCK BY THE
EASE WITH WHICH
MONOLITH IS BEING
HANDLED, SPAWN
HAS TO PRESS HIS
ADVANTAGE NOW.



AS RAGE BOILS
WITHIN HIM.



A BLAST FILLED WITH THE
COSMOS' ENERGY BATTERS
SPAWN LIKE FEW HE'S FELT
BEFORE.

BUT MONOLITH WAS PLAYING "POSSUM".



MAKING HIM PAY FOR THAT MOMENT OF WEAKNESS.



WAITING FOR HIS ENEMY TO LET UP FOR A BRIEF MOMENT.



THESE 'PLANET EATERS' HAVE **DEVoured** ENOUGH, AND MONOLITH DOESN'T JUST WANT TO STOP THEM, HE'S OUT TO DESTROY THEM.

AND THAT OBSESSIVE BLOODLUST IS...



... FORTUNATELY, SHARED BY OTHERS!



YET, TERMINUS
STILL SEEMS
UNAFFECTED
BY IT ALL.



THAT'S WHAT
GRAND POWER
DOES.



IT GIVES YOU A
CONFIDENCE
THAT **BORDERS**
ON THE EDGE
OF DELUSION.



LIKE THE HELLSPAWN,
TERMINUS IS ALSO THE
FIRST OF HIS KIND. AND
THUS, ONE OF THE MOST
POWERFUL, TOO.



TERMINUS EXPELS THE
DEPTHS OF TIME AND SPACE
FROM HIS MOUTH, POURING IT
OVER THE PROTESTORS, HIS
FOLLOWERS. THEY IN TURN
FEEL IT IN THEIR VEINS, NOT
JUST RAGE BUT **POWER**.



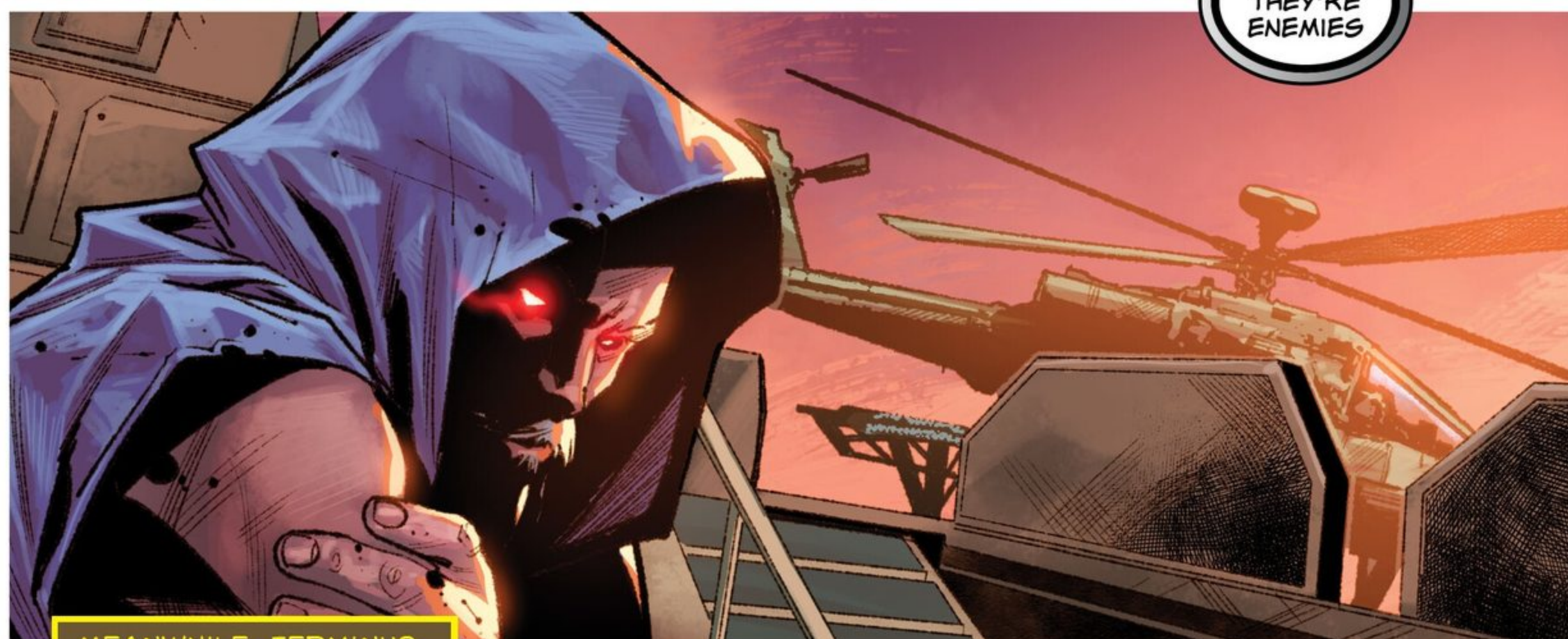
**SUPERNATURAL
POWER!**



AS MEDIEVAL SPAWN ENTERS THE FRAY, THEY'RE ALL SURROUNDED BY... **WHAT?!**

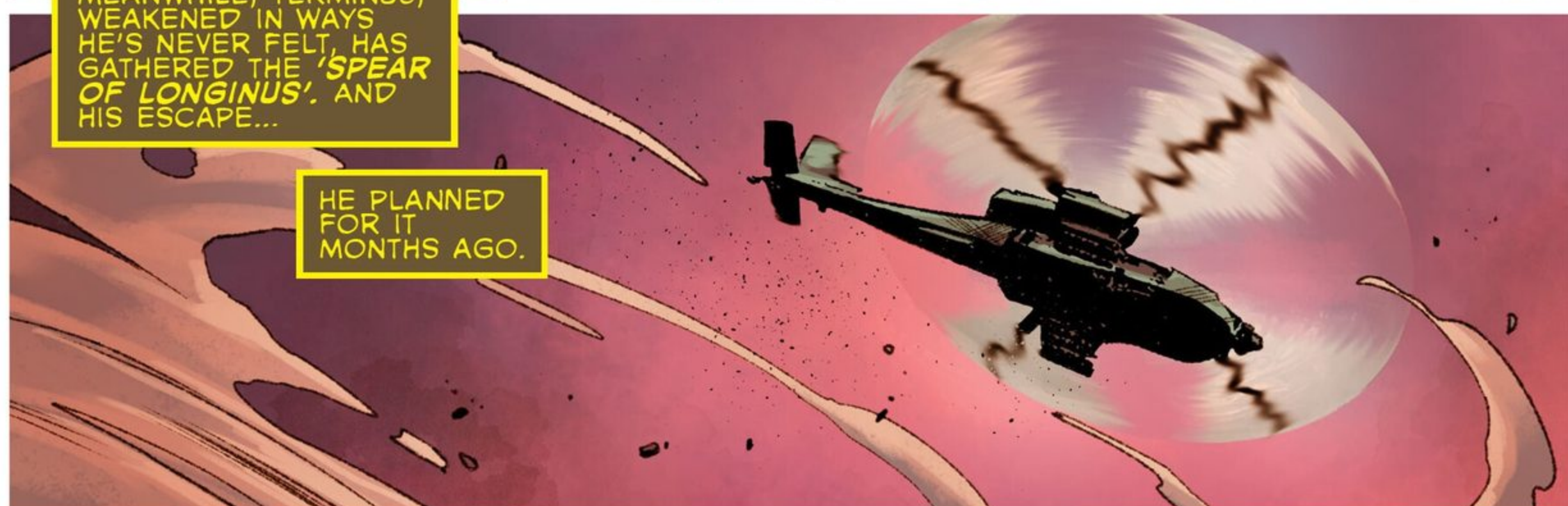
ARE THESE MEN?

NO... THEY'RE ENEMIES



MEANWHILE, TERMINUS, WEAKENED IN WAYS HE'S NEVER FELT, HAS GATHERED THE '**SPEAR OF LONGINUS**'. AND HIS ESCAPE...

HE PLANNED FOR IT MONTHS AGO.



BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE FACTORED IN EVERY POSSIBILITY.



INCLUDING THE
PRESENCE OF A NINE-
FOOT MONSTROSITY.

A CREATURE WHOSE
OWN WORLD WAS
ONCE DEVoured.



THIS
PLANET
WILL FALL!
LIKE YOURS
DID!



MONOLITH'S
GRIP BEGINS
TO CRUMBLE
THE CRAFT.



IT'S
TIME...



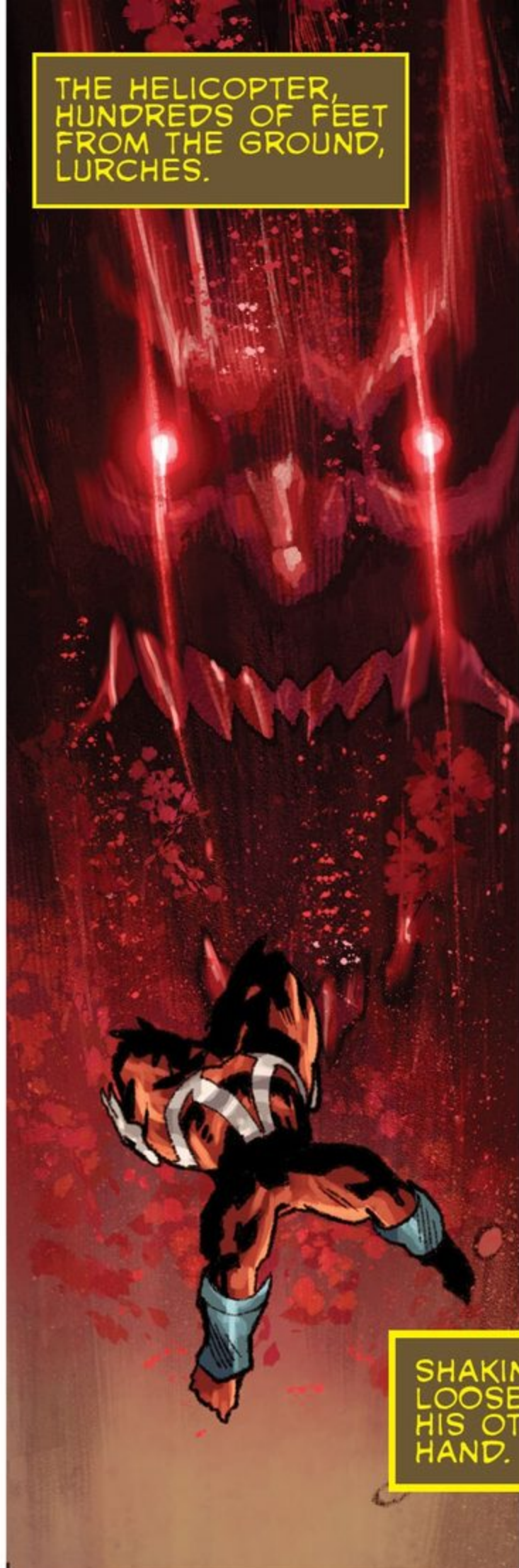
YOU
LEARNED **YOUR**
PLACE!



DARKNESS SEEPS INTO
MONOLITH'S BEING,
COMPROMISING ITS
NATURAL FUNCTIONS
AS HE STRUGGLES TO
MAINTAIN CONTROL OF
HIS OWN BODY.

UNTIL ONE
HAND LET'S GO.

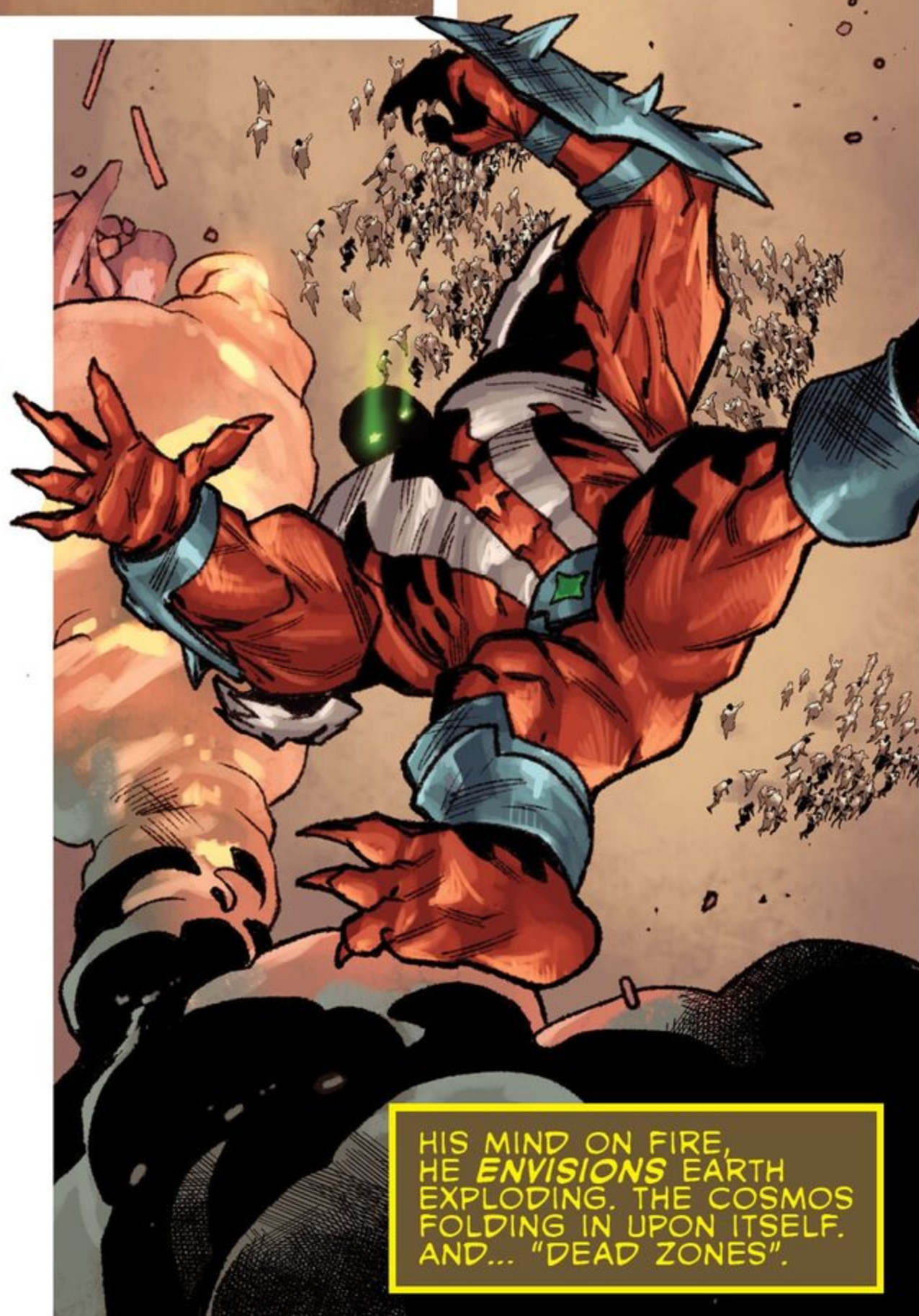
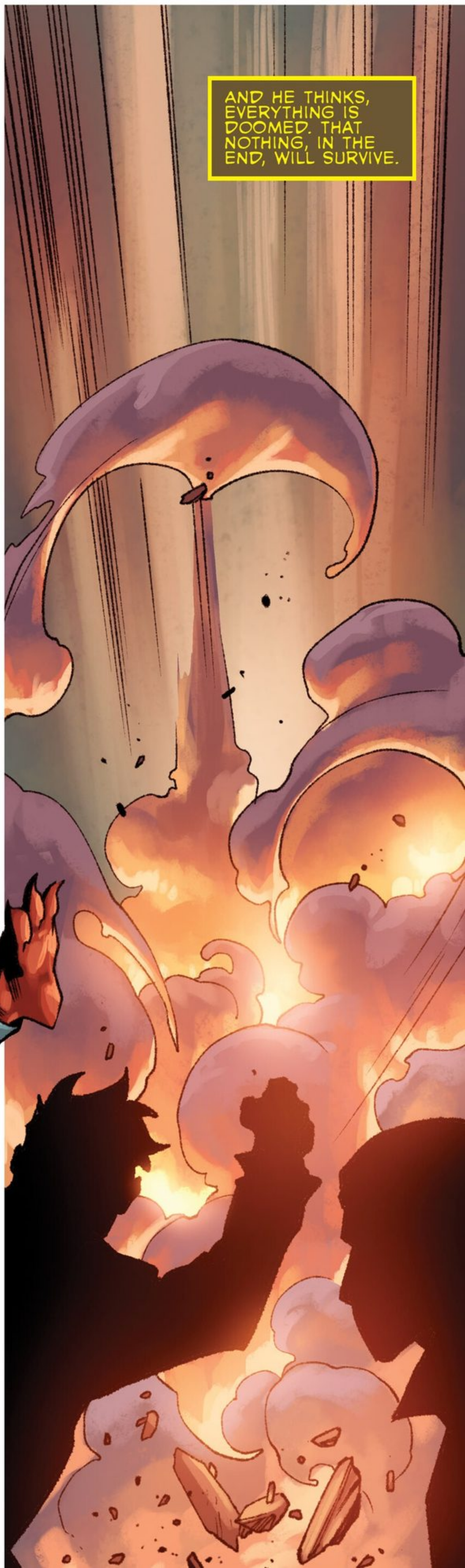
THE HELICOPTER,
HUNDREDS OF FEET
FROM THE GROUND,
LURCHES.



SHAKING
LOOSE
HIS OTHER
HAND.



AND HE THINKS,
EVERYTHING IS
DOOMED. THAT
NOTHING, IN THE
END, WILL SURVIVE.



HIS MIND ON FIRE,
HE **ENVISIONS** EARTH
EXPLODING. THE COSMOS
FOLDING IN UPON ITSELF.
AND... "DEAD ZONES".

MEANWHILE, IN OREGON, NEAR THE CHILDHOOD HOME WHERE SHE-SPAWN ONCE LIVED.

I TOLD YOU GIRL, THERE'S NO ONE OUT HERE.

GRANDMA HOPES THAT'S TRUE, BUT SHE'S HAUNTED, THAT SOMEHOW, THIS MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER DAUGHTER JESSICA.

IN JESSICA'S LAST VISIT, SHE INSINUATED THAT OTHERS COULD CAUSE THEM TROUBLE. WHICH IS WHY SEE HAS NOW ABANDONED HER OWN YOUNG DAUGHTER.*

*SEE SPAWN'S UNIVERSE #1 - THOMAS

THAT SOMEHOW, HER LEAVING WOULD PROTECT HER FAMILY.

BUT, I **PROMISE** GRANNIE, THERE WAS LIKE THINGS **MOVING** AROUND.

LOTS OF THINGS.

WELL, I'M SURE WHATEVER IT WAS IS **GONE**. NOW LET'S GET YOU READY FOR BED-TIME.

BUT GRANDMA, **LOOK...AT THE TREES!**

THE TREES, THEY'RE **SINGED**, LIKE A FIRE BURNT A HOLE THROUGH MOST OF THEM.

SHE'S NEARLY SEVENTY-YEARS-OLD, BUT IN ALL HER LIFE SARAH LANGSTON HAS NEVER SEEN SUCH AN ODD SIGHT OR SMELT SUCH A **REPUGNANT** ODOR.



BOTH ASPECTS CHILL HER TO THE BONE. SHE KNOWS WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG.



GO
BACK TO THE
HOUSE.

BUT...



DON'T
ARGUE, JUST
GO!

DON'T
SCOLD THE
CHILD,
SARAH.



AFTER
ALL, WE
BOTH KNOW HOW
FREE-SPIRITED
HER MOTHER
WAS.

**SHE-
SPAWN.**

OR IS IT? IT'S JESSICA
PRIEST, BUT AT THE SAME
TIME, IT ISN'T. A FIRE BURNS
IN HER FROM BEYOND THE
GRAVE THAT'S CAUSING HER
TO CHANGE WITH EVERY
BREATH SHE TAKES. CHANGE
INTO SOMETHING NEW.
SOMETHING DANGEROUS!

BUT THE QUESTION
IS... DANGEROUS TO
WHO?



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